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Invitation for Bid #16-059 FURNISH AND DELIVER RECYCLING CARTS Addendum #1

This addendum contains revisions, clarifications, and information pertinent to the Invitation For Bid (IFB) for the title project and shall supplement, amend, and become part of the solicitation. All responses shall be based on the solicitation TOGETHER with this Addendum.

Acknowledgment of this addendum shall be submitted with the response. Failure to acknowledge addenda may subject the Contractor to disqualification.

Proposals are due October 1, 2015.

QUESTIONS:

- Question:** To confirm, in section 6 "Price Adjustment" After the first year, the contractor is only able to increase the price by 1% if resin increases .08/pound or more? A .01 cent increase in resin is .34/container- even a .04/pound resin increase can change the vendors manufacturing cost by \$1.36/cart. Rehrig Pacific respectfully requests the County add the following language as a replacement so that the contract can be mutually beneficial to all parties:

"Prices quoted in response to this Bid solicitation shall be firm for the first year of the contract period. After 1 year, prices may be subject to revision and such changes shall be based on resin fluctuation during that period. Should the market price of resin increase or decrease from the initial unit bid price, the increase/decrease will be passed on to The County throughout the term of the contract. There will be no more than one (1) price adjustment per year. Request for price changes shall be received in writing at least twenty (20) days prior to the effective date and are subject to written acceptance from The County before becoming effective. Proof of the validity of a request for a price change shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder. Upon request, the responsible bidder shall provide to The County certified documentation from Chem Data Report that may also be utilized by the successful bidder to validate its request for a price change. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any price increase(s) and to cancel any and all item(s) under the contract for which price increase(s) is/are considered unacceptable. Contract extensions will be based on a mutual written agreement between the successful bidder and The County."

Answer: The understanding of the pricing adjustment as stated in the IFB is confirmed. The County declines the request to change the language in Section 6 Price Adjustment.

- Question:** On Price Page No. 2 Item 8-9-10 "Add Alternate Assembly and Distribution", how many carts are expected to be delivered at one time to residents?

Answer: None



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3. **Question:** On Price Page No. 2 Item 8-9-10 "Add Alternate Assembly and Distribution", Will the carts be distributed to every home on the said deliver routes?

Answer: Home delivery is not part of the scope of services for this IFB.

4. **Question:** Will each home only get one cart?

Answer: Home delivery is not part of the scope of services for this IFB.

5. **Question:** Is the area urban or rural?

Answer: Per section 17.5 Delivery of the IFB, orders will be delivered to the County's existing solid waste management facility located at 9031 Reichs Ford Road Frederick MD 21704, and/or the County's collection Contractor(s) operating yard(s).

6. **Question:** On Price Page No. 2 Item 11 "Add Alternate Cart/Bin Color". While it does not cost additional money to make different colors, minimum quantities would apply. Is it the County's intent to order 1 cart/bin or just order different colors in the minimum quantities?

Answer: The County is interested in obtaining pricing for different colored carts for potential additional County recycling programs. Quantities would vary depending on several variables, e.g. if the County developed a yard waste collection program, it could utilize this proposal pricing for similar carts of a different color.

7. **Question:** Did the County use ANSI standards for specifications of carts in this bid?

Answer: The County used standards from a previous bid.

8. **Question:** How would the County incorporate the RFID data of the new carts with the current inventory?

Answer: The County would provide the selected vendor the existing inventory that includes already distributed carts that have assigned tags to their assigned homes.

The selected vendor would be responsible for maintaining this file of County owned information moving forward for the remainder of the IFB term. The County curbside collection vendor shall associate the RFID tag with the discrete household and the County shall periodically (monthly) provide the selected cart vendor a file (such as Excel) of these cart/home associations.

9. **Question:** Would the vendor deliver the carts to residents?

Answer: Home delivery is not part of the scope of services for this IFB.

10. **Question:** Would the awarded vendor be responsible for combining the data?

Answer: Yes, see Question 8.

11. **Question:** Could 10'' wheels extra high molecular weight polyethylene supporting 200 pounds per wheel be accepted?



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Answer: The 95 gallon cart must have a load rating in excess of 330 lbs. The 65 gallon cart must have a load rating in excess of 220 lbs. The 35 gallon cart must have a load rating in excess of 120 lbs. Other wheels will be considered as long as the wheels and load axle are capable of supporting the specified load ratings.

12. **Question:** Could the single drag rail system (3/8") be accepted?

Answer: The County will consider it assuming the vendor can demonstrate that it provides similar structural integrity.

13. **Question:** Can the catch bar be assembled prior to delivery to the citizen?

Answer: Please refer to Section 17.3.1.8.

14. **Question:** Could the minimum resin weight of the 32 gallon unassembled (without wheels and axles) be 13 lbs?

Answer: No, the County is requesting a 35 gallon cart; therefore a 32 gallon cart is not acceptable.

15. **Question:** Are the sizes of the in-molded label for the 95- gallon 8" x 11", 65-gallon 8"x 7" and 32-gallon 4" x 8" acceptable?

Answer: No.

Except as noted herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced, as heretofore changed, remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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